FULTON MAY BE FLOATED

Stranded Steamer Has Not Been Damaged Since Going Upon the Beach at Orford.

DESPATCHE'S EFFORT FUTILE

Weather So Rough Wrecking Apparatus Could not Be Placed Aboard -Other Marine News.

The steamer Fulton will not, in the epinion of Captain Levison, of the steamer Despatch, suffer any very great damage because of stranding at Senda Emissary to Look After Her Port Orford. The Desptch arrived yesterday from San Francisco, having stopped at Port Orford for the pur-

Orford the weather ws very severe, and "My government is by no means

ing in an easy position on the beach at China we may be prepared." Port Orford and that she evidently has not been damaged to any considerable extent. He is firmly of the opinion that the steamer can be floated without difficulty when the weather moderates, and that it will be found she is not damaged enough to put her out of commission for any great length of time. On the return trip of the Despatch she another effort to get the apparatus missioner to the St. Louis fair; another aboard the Fulton.

NO MONEY FOR THE BAR.

Chairman Burton Would Cut Out Appropriation For Columbia.

Chairman Burton, of the house rivers and harbors committee, has notified Senator Fulton that he would oppose the insertion in the sundry civil bill that is to be passed this session of any appropriation for continuing improvement at the mouth of the Columbia river, or for continuing the construction of the Dalles-Cellilo which has been begun with the present appropriations.

Burton, contrary to the belief of the department, holds that neither of these projects is recognized by congress as continuing contracts; therefore, he will oppose appropriations for them until the regular river and harbor bill is framed next session.

Senator Fulton says an effort will be made to attach appropriations for the Dalles improvement, and for the mouth of the river, when the sundry civil bill Chicago Institutions For Learning to reaches the senate, in the hope that the items can be retained in conference, for he regards it as vitally important that more money should be made available, . the coming fiscal year on these two important projects.

WEATHER IS TOO SEVERE.

Transport Dix Remains Bottled Up In Lower Harbor.

The transport Dix is still bottled up in the lower harbor, and the prospects for her immediate departure are not any brighter than was the case several more than 22 feet, and the bar must this draft to cross without pounding.

The bar pilots are quite as anxious as the Portland Chamber of Commerce that the transport should be hastened on her way, but they are not willing pilot has been aboard the Dix for sev- OWL AND EAGLE DRUG STORES. eral days and just as soon as the weather moderates the vessel will be taken to sea. Yesterday morning an attempt was made to cross out, but the bar was altogether too rough.

eight days, and the department is becoming anxious about her. The delay was occasioned by her long trip of 30 hours down the river from Portland, which caused her to miss a good bar. The weather was very bad last night, and it seems the transport will be tied up for an indefinite period.

Marine Notes.

A 50-mile gale raged off the mouth of the Columbia river yesterday, and, while the steamer Despatch got in from | ization of the Dutch army. All leave San Francisco, the bar was very rough. is refused to officers.

The indications are favorable for a continuance of the gale.

The government barometer was down as low as 28.95 yesterday afternoon, and the prospects are not bright for good weather.

James G. Pabbidge has passed a naster's examination and a captain's license hs been issued to him. He has been given command of the steamer El Hurd, belonging to the Columbia River Packers' Association.

Captain Keegan, of the schooner Frank W. Howe, yesterday filed a wreck report at the Astoria customs house. The report estimates the loss at \$39,000 and states the names of the two men killed during the gale as John Herman and William Van Santer. Captain Keegan has asked bids for the vessel and her cargo of 400,000 feet of railroad ties.

PORTUGAL FOLLOWS SUIT.

Interests in Far East.

Chicago, Feb. 26 .- M. Leitan of Lisbon, Portugal, an agent of his governpose of making an effort to float the ment, is in Chicago. He is on his way stranded steamer. She took from San to Macao, China, the Portuguese port Francisco a quantity of wrecking gear, on the southern coast, and will sail When the Despatch called at Port from San Francisco. M. Leitao said;

all attempts on the part of Captain alarmed by events in the far east, but Levison to place the gear aboard the we wish to be prepared for contingen-Fulton proved unsuccessful. The De- cles as they may arise and I am going spatch was unable to get near enough out to make a report upon the condithe Fulton to permit of the transfer of tion of the colony for defense. Portuthe apparatus, and Captain Levison gal is simply doing what England is finally continued on his way up the doing at Hongkong and France in Tonquin, that is, putting things in order He said yesterday the Fulton was ly- so that if trouble is widespread in

NOATBLE JAPS IN 'FRISCO.

Diplomats and Fair Commissioner Come to America.

San Francisco, Feb. 26.-Three important Japanese arrived here on the Coptic from Yokohama. One is Herowill probably stop at Orford and make mich Shugio, of Tokio, Japanese comis Ekil Hioki, first secretary of the Japanese legation at Washington, and the third is T. Sakurai, collector of the port of Koke, one of the most important commercial cities of the empire. Speaking of Japan's exhibit at St Louis, Shugio said:

> "It will be very much better and larger than the exhibit Japan had at the Chicago fair. Japan appropriated \$800,000 for the present exhibit. This increased interest and expenditure is an evidence of the cordial friendship of our country for the United States." Hioki, the legation secretary, has at Pekin and at Seoul, Corea. He is now going on to take the place of Count Matsu in Washington.

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Office constructing quartermaster, Astoria, Ore., Feb. 6, 1904.-Sealed proposals, in triplicate, will be received at this office until 10 o'clock a. m. March 7, 1904, and then opened, for the construction, plumbing, heating and electric wiring of one single set officers' quarters, and the construction, plumbing and electric wiring of one double set N. C. O. quarters at Fort Columbia, Wash. United States reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. Plans can be seen and specifications obtained at this office and at the office of Disbursing Quartermaster at Portland, Ore., and Seattle, Wash. Envelopes struction buildings at Fort Columbia" and addressed Captain Goodale, Quartermaster, Astoria, Ore.

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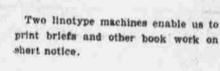
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